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MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: U.S. Defense Summary Information by Mission
Area on RDT&E, FY-73 to FY-79

1. The attached document has been released to me in my function as Secretary to the IR&D Council by DDR&E. I have been specifically advised that it is not to be disseminated within CIA and that it is to be returned to DDR&E upon termination of my assignment. I suspect all the worry stems from the historical differences between DDR&E and CIA in the Johnny Foster days over estimates. The wounds are healing. At an appropriate time, Dr. Currie will probably recommend distribution of the document to IR&D Council members.

2. Briefly, the document encompasses the \$ [REDACTED] spent annually and projected to be spent over the next five years for RDT&E within the Defense Department. Broad categories such as Tactical, Strategic, Defense-wide, etc., are subdivided into Land Warfare, Ocean Control, and Strategic Control, with further subdivisions into Intelligence, Reconnaissance, EW, Ocean Surveillance, Undersea Surveillance, etc. The organization of the document is also worthy of note. The 12 categories within a particular mission area present a perspective of the level of effort ranging from objectives to critical technology needs.

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3. Since first reading the document some six months ago, and throughout my efforts to acquire a copy, I have been convinced of the value of this document to the IC Staff, particularly in a perspective sense. First of all, it provides an appreciation of dollar level of effort towards desired

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solution of tactical and strategic forces problems. It reflects the needs of these U.S. forces viewed in a different forum from that of the intelligence community. In this sense, it depicts for what purpose and in what scenario tactical use of intelligence is prognosticated, and gives an insight into areas where intelligence can serve.

Secondly, the document can serve tutorial purposes to gain an appreciation or scope of any particular tactical intelligence problem, and certainly its reading should be the first step prior to embarking upon any discussion on a particular subject with Defense.

4. You are aware that the IR&D Council has acquired and published information on intelligence community R&D. While comprehensive, there is a lack of standardization among the various program submissions. This was expected and foreseen. Dr. Currie, at the 21 March Council session, asked Mort Goulder to chair an ad hoc group to revise the structure and format of program submissions. I am of the opinion that the format used in the attached document has merit, particularly with respect to the perspectives it provides. Undoubtedly, it will be considered during Mr. Goulder's deliberations. I will keep you informed.

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Attachment:

"United States Defense Summary Information by Mission Areas on
Research, Development, Test & Evaluation for Period FY-73 to
FY-79" by Office of the Director of Defense Research & Engineering

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